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DPNR GIVES NOTICE ON UST INSPECTIONS IN STT/STJ DISTRICT

In preparation for inspection, DPNR encourages all Underground Storage Tank (UST) owners to review compliance with the Federal UST regulations and individual station permits. This includes ensuring all required documentation is complete and available for review. EPA's enforcement staff will review the information gathered during the inspection(s) and, if violations are found, determine what enforcement actions will be taken.

Note that violations of federal UST regulations may result in enforcement actions with penalties of up to \$26,269 per UST system per day of violation. Therefore, DPNR and EPA encourage owners and operators to take immediate steps to ensure compliance with the federal UST regulations which may be found at 40 C.F.R. Part 280. You may also find EPA's guidance document "Musts for USTs" https://www.epa.gov/ust/musts-usts to clarify the UST requirements that may apply to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Austin Callwood, Director of Environmental Protection at (340) 774-3320 ext. 5149 or email at austin.callwood@dpnr.vi.gov.